GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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School Dropouts in Jammu and Kashmir
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed the declining trend in the number of students taking admissions from Middle level to secondary level in various States including Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT wise including Jammu & Kashmir;

(c) the present status of the National Secondary education campaign to facilitate the secondary education for all; and

(d) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to promote the number of admission seekers at secondary level in the schools throughout the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) & (b) As per Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) database, overall enrolment in class IX has increased from 2,02,96,590 in 2014-15 to 2,04,83,777 in 2015-16. The States/UTs wise details including Jammu & Kashmir are at Annexure.

(c) & (d) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) envisages inter-alia provision of a secondary school within a reasonable distance of any habitation and to improve quality of education imparted at secondary level by making all secondary schools conform to prescribed norms, removing gender, socio-economic and disability barriers etc. Under the scheme, financial support is provided to the States/UTs for opening of new government secondary schools alongwith (i) Class Rooms, (ii) Integrated Science Laboratory, (iii) Library (iv) Art and Craft Room, (v) Toilet Blocks, (vi) Drinking Water facility, (vii) Head Master Room, (viii) Office Room. As part of strengthening of existing government secondary schools (i) Additional Class Rooms, (ii) Science Laboratory, (iii) Library, (iv) Art and Craft Room, (v) Toilet Blocks, (vi) Drinking water facility etc. are also covered under the programme. 12,394 new schools & 37,382 existing schools for strengthening, 2,483 Girls Hostels in educationally backward blocks, 7,448 schools for vocational education and 88,078 schools for ICT component have been approved till 2016-17.

Further, under the scheme, interventions such as residential quarters for teachers, additional teachers to improve the Pupil Teacher Ratio, self defence training for girls students, guidance and counselling, adolescent education programmes, organization of empowerment/awareness camps, remedial teaching for weaker students etc are approved to improve the access to and quality of education at the secondary stage.

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